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I've read through the conditions of the proposed Microsoft Settlement, and I find that it's a bad idea. It gives nothing to those harmed by Microsoft's flagrant violations of antitrust law (as defined Judge Jackson's finding of facts), it provides no remuneration to the public, and it does nothing to hamper further violations of antitrust law.

Microsoft has shown time after time in court that their attitude to the law is one of flagrant disregard, if not merely flippancy. There is nothing in the settlement that will change their behavior, and to my mind a slap on the wrist such as this will merely encourage them to proceed in driving other businesses to extinction through anti-competitive practices.

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